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1. HERewith FULL TEXT ART BUCHWALD COLUMN WASHINGTON  
POST THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, HEADED "WE.LL LET HIM KEEP  
THE OFFICE, THE GUARDS, MAYBE THE PLANE..."

2. THE QUESTION OF WHO WILL BE THE NEW SECRETARY OF  
STATE UNDER PRESIDENT-ELECT JIMMY CARTER HAS BEEN  
ANSWERED. HE IS CYRUS VANCE, AND ALMOST EVERYONE AGREES  
HE IS A VERY NICE PERSON.

3. BUT THE QUESTION.OF WHAT HAPPENS TO HENRY KISSINGER

THE PAST EIGHT YEARS HAS HAD MORE POWER THAN ANYONE IN  
THE WORLD AND SUDDENLY PUT HIM OUT TO PASTURE? THE  
ANSWER IS THAT IN A FREE COUNTRY YOU CAN.

4. IF HENRY WAS FOREIGN MINISTER OF CHINA IT WOULD BE A  
SIMPLE MATTER. ALL YOU WOULD HAVE TO DO IS PUT UP WALL  
POSTERS ON JAN. 21 DENOUNCING KISSINGER AS A "CAPITA-  
LIST ROADER" WHO IMPORTED X-RATED FILMS FROM HONG KONG,  
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PLOTTED AGAINST THE CARTER REGIME WITH BETTY FORD AND

TRIED TO LAUNCH A CULTURAL REVOLUTION AMONGST THE  
PEASANTS OF PLAINS, GA.

5. HAD KISSINGER BEEN FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE SOVIET UNION HE COULD BE MADE THE HEAD OF A POWER PLANT IN OUTER SIBERIA, AND HIS NAME WOULD BE SCRATCHED OUT OF EVERY ENCYCLOPEDIA IN THE NATION.

6. BUT YOU CAN'T DO THAT TO A FORMER U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, PARTICULARLY ONE WHO HAS SERVED HIS COUNTRY SO LONG AND SO WELL. YET THE UNITED STATES MAKES NO PROVISION TO LET DOWN EASILY SOMEONE LIKE KISSINGER AND GIVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET USED TO BEING A PRIVATE CITIZEN AGAIN.

7. IN KISSINGER'S CASE IT IS NOT GOING TO BE EASY. HE WILL LOSE HIS SECRET SERVICE MEN, HIS STAFF, HIS AIRPLANE, HIS HELICOPTERS AND HIS PRESS CORPS. HE MAY STILL BE INVITED TO EMBASSY PARTIES AND OTHER DINNERS, BUT PROTOCOL WILL DEMAND HE SIT BELOW THE SALT. HENRY HASN'T SAT BELOW THE SALT FOR SO LONG HE HAS NO IDEA WHAT THAT END OF THE TABLE LOOKS LIKE. ACTUALLY, IT'S NOT MUCH DIFFERENT THAN SITTING ABOVE THE SALT EXCEPT THAT EVERYONE NOTICES IT.

8. SO THE QUESTION IS WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP HENRY KISSINGER GET THROUGH HIS DECOMPRESSION TANK WITH THE LEAST AMOUNT OF DAMAGE TO HIS PSYCHE.

9. THE MOST UNFAIR THING YOU COULD ASK OF A MAN WHO HAS WON THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE IS TO SUDDENLY START USING THE EASTERN AIRLINE SHUTTLE FROM WASHINGTON TO NEW YORK. THIS IS A CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT AND AFTER THE COMFORTS OF AIR FORCE ONE IT COULD SEND A MAN INTO A TAILSPIN FROM WHICH HE WOULD NEVER RECOVER.

10. AS A TAXPAYER I WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IF WE LET HENRY KEEP AIR FORCE ONE FOR AT LEAST A YEAR. (IT WASN'T GENERALLY KNOWN, BUT EVEN THOUGH PRESIDENT FORD UNCLASSIFIED

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HAD CUSTODY OF AIR FORCE ONE HE ALWAYS HAD TO ASK HENRY WHETHER HE WAS GOING ON A TRIP BEFORE THE PRESIDENT COULD USE IT.)

11. I WOULD ALSO LET KISSINGER KEEP HIS SECRET SERVICE MEN FOR A YEAR -- NOT JUST TO KEEP REPORTERS FROM PRYING THROUGH HIS GARBAGE, BUT TO PROTECT HIM FROM PUBLISHERS FOR WHOM HENRY HAS PROMISED TO WRITE A BOOK. WHEN

KISSINGER FINALLY SIGNS HIS BOOK CONTRACT THERE WILL BE  
50 PUBLISHERS WHO FEEL THEY HAVE BEEN DOUBLE-CROSSED.

HENRY.S LIFE WILL STILL BE IN DANGER WHEN SEVERAL EDI-  
TORS AND AGENTS DISCOVER HENRY MADE A DEAL WITH SOME-  
BODY ELSE.

12. LASTLY, I WOULD GIVE KISSINGER A VERY LARGE OFFICE  
AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT -- AS LARGE AS THE ONE HE HAS  
NOW.

13. THIS IS NOT JUST FOR THE SAKE OF APPEARANCE. IN  
THE PAST EIGHT YEARS HENRY HAS MET WITH EVERY HEAD OF  
STATE, ALMOST ALWAYS IN PRIVATE. WHAT HE HAS SAID TO  
THEM AND WHAT THEY HAVE SAID TO HIM IS STILL FOR THE  
MOSTPART SECRET. IT.S POSSIBLE THAT KISSINGER MAY HAVE  
MADE PROMISES TO THESE HEADS OF STATE THAT EVEN HE HAS  
FORGOTTEN ABOUT. SO IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE NEW SECRE-  
TARY OF STATE, CY VANCE, TO BE ABLE TO GET HENRY ON A  
MOMENT.S NOTICE AND SAY, "HENRY, WHAT THE HELL DID YOU  
SAY WE.D GIVE THE PRESIDENT OF SRI LANKA IF THEY.D  
PAINT OUR MINE SWEEPERS WHEN WE PULLED INTO PORT?"

14. VANCE IS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET AN ANSWER IN  
TIME IF HE HAS TO LOCATE HENRY ON THE EASTERN AIRLINE  
SHUTTLE. END TEXT. ROBINSON

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